

United States District Court for the Western District of North Carolina

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Number of Judgeships: 7

Number of Vacancies: 2

Areas Covered: Counties of Alexander, Alleghany, Anson, Ashe, Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Cherokee, Clay, Cleveland, Gaston, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Iredell, Jackson, Lincoln, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mecklenburg, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Swain, Transylvania, Union, Watauga, Wilkes and Yancey

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Robert J. Conrad, Jr.

Chief Judge

Education: Clemson 1980 BA; Virginia 1983 JD
Began Service: June 3, 2005
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Government: U.S. Attorney, North Carolina - Western District, United States Attorney's Office, United States Department of Justice

Legal Practice: Law Clerk, Michie, Hamlett, Donato & Lowry (1981-1983); Associate, Michie, Hamlett, Donato & Lowry (1983-1986); Partner, Horn & Conrad (1986-1987); Attorney, Robert J. Conrad, Jr., PA (1987-1988); Partner, Bush Thurman & Conrad (1988)

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Richard Lesley Voorhees

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1941
Education: Davidson 1963 BA; North Carolina 1968 JD
Began Service: October 28, 1988
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan
Political Affiliation: Republican

Academic: Instructor (part-time), Gaston College (1980)

Government: Member, Board of Elections, County of Gaston, North Carolina (1970-1972)

Judicial: Chief Judge, United States District Court for the Western District of North Carolina (1991-1998); Chief Judge, United States District Court for the Western District of North Carolina (2006)

Legal Practice: Associate, Garland, Alala, Bradley & Gray; Partner, Garland & Alala (1974-1980); Richard L. Voorhees Law Firm (1980-1988)

Military Service: United States Army (1963-1965); United States Army Reserve, United States Department of the Army (1965-1969)

Current Memberships: Federal Judges Association; North Carolina Bar Association; North Carolina State Bar

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Frank D. Whitney

District Judge

Date of Birth: November 1959
Education: Wake Forest 1982 BA; North Carolina 1987 MBA, 1987 JD
Began Service: July 2006
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Staff

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Martin Karl Reidinger

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1958
Education: North Carolina 1981 BS, 1984 JD
Began Service: September 17, 2007
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Legal Practice: Associate, Adams Hendon Carson Crow & Saenger, P.A. (1984-1989); Shareholder, Adams Hendon Carson Crow & Saenger, P.A. (1989-2007)

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Max Oliver Cogburn, Jr.

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1951
Education: North Carolina 1973 AB; Cumberland 1976 JD
Began Service: March 14, 2011
Appointed By: President Barack Obama

Judicial: Magistrate Judge, Chambers of Magistrate Judge Max O. Cogburn, United States District Court for the Western District of North Carolina (1995-2004)

Legal Practice: Partner, Cogburn, Cogburn, Goosmann & Brazil, P.A. (1995); Partner, Cogburn, Goosmann, Brazil & Rose, P.A. (2004-2006); Partner, Cogburn & Brazil, P.A. (2006-2011)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; North Carolina Bar Association; North Carolina State Bar

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Graham C. Mullen

Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1940
Education: Duke 1962 BA, 1969 JD
Began Service: October 25, 1990
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush
Political Affiliation: Republican

Judicial: Chief Judge, United States District Court for the Western District of North Carolina

Legal Practice: Partner, Mullen, Holland, Cooper, Morrow, Wilder & Sumner (1969-1990)

Military Service: United States Navy (1962-1966)

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Current Memberships: Mecklenburg County Bar Association; North Carolina State Bar

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David C. Keesler

Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: July 10, 1962
Education: North Carolina 1984 BA; Virginia 1987 JD
Began Service: May 3, 2004
Term Expires: May 2012

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; Mecklenburg County Bar Association; North Carolina Bar Association

Staff

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Began Service: January 1, 2010
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David S. Cayer

Magistrate Judge

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Dennis L. Howell

Magistrate Judge

Began Service: October 5, 2004

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